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ISLAMABAD: Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar addressing at the inaugural ceremony of National Emergencies operation Center established by NDMA.

PM Kakar seeks global cooperation in addressing adverse effects of climate change

Inaugurates Emergencies Operation Center for coordination on disaster management

Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar on Thursday inaugurated the estimated to be the economic losses," he said. newly established state-of-the-art

help in coordinated efforts to manage the natural disasters in the future.

Established at the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) Headquarters, the Center would also nelp in disaster risk reduction and mitigation of damages. The prime minister lauded the establishment of NEOC and emphasized the importance of disaster resil-

ient infrastructure and policy framework.

He said that despite being one of the least contributors of carbon emissions globally, Pakistan was one of the top countries affected by climate change.

"Climate change is a real challenge that will keep haunting our future generations unless we take such concrete steps," he reiterated.

The prime minister also praised the coordinated efforts of all state institutions during the devastating floods

of 2022, especially NDMA.

"Nearly one third of the population of the country

ISLAMABAD (APP): Caretaker Prime Minister was affected by floods in 2022 and USD 30 billion was

The prime minister said that the world needed to National Emergencies Operation Center (NEOC) to step forward and help developing countries like Pakistan to cope up the adverse effects of climate change.

He also praised the role of NCOC both in COVID-

19 and 2022 floods.

In a briefing, Prime Minister Kakar was told that NEOC would serve as hub of all technological inputs related to climate change, disasters management and predictive modeling for national emergencies.

First of its kind in Pakistan and the region, this is

Pakistan's indigenously conceptualized capability, which will evolve capacity to predict future disasters with cre-dence and accuracy about likely locations, time of impact and damage intensity.

It would generate coordinated response, guiding lower tiers of provincial and district level disaster management authorities. The need was felt for a platform which should perform the functions for developing a national collage of disasters monitoring, high end technology driven capabil-

Pakistan takes up challenges confronting regional peace with Afghanistan

Foreign Minister Jilani meets Afghan FM Muttaqi in China; Reaffirms commitment to further strengthen bilateral ties; Not only Afghan refugees, action to be taken against all illegal immigrants: FO

kistan and Afghan foreign the foreign office clarified the his Afghan counterpart China's Tibet Autonomous terrorist groups including residents was not targeted region. Both were there to banned Tehreek-e-Taliban at Afghan refugees but was

A brief statement is- neighbouring country. sued by the foreign office mitment to further derscored that challenges

Sources said the Afsaid the foreign minister ghan foreign minister reitreaffirmed Pakistan's com- erated his government's stance claiming that Kabul strengthen bilateral ties would not allow anyone to strengthen bilateral ties would not allow anyone to with Afghanistan. He unuse its soil against any refugees in the country "remained unchanged" and country including Pakistan.

Islamabad, however, is a separate issue.

Foreign Office spokes- use of transit trade facilities. erson Mumtaz Zahra Baloch at a weekly press briefing said the national policy towards the Afghan their safe repatriation was

Aneeq stresses

eternal legacy

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emphasizes

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among Muslims

SLAMABAD (APP):

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single life was not enough

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by the Propnet Muhammad (SAWW) rais-

ing question whether we

had learned from His life

and incorporated it into our

success in following the Prophet (SAWW)'s teach-

ings, stating, "True believ-

ers are those whose charac-

ter and conduct reflect the

qualities of Prophet Muhammad (SAWW)."

He highlighted the

Minister Aneeq fur-

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Jpon Him persevered.

Baloch clarified that the operation had nothing to do with the Afghan refugees that Pakistan had been hosting for several decades despite its economic con-

been clearly articulating its emanating from Afghani-

macy and will continue to

engage with the Afghan authorities to ensure that the Afghan soil is not used to foment terrorism," she said.

She said that Pakistan was in contact with the Indian authorities and urged them to issue visas to Pakistani spectators and journalists who wished to see the International Cricket Council (ICC) World Cup in In-

She said that it was the She confirmed that the responsibility of the host country to provide security kistan and Afghanistan con- and a conducive environment for the Pakistan cricket team and emphasized that sports should not be mixed with politics.

stan team was visiting Inconcerns about the threats dia not for a bilateral cricket series and thus had every right to partici-"We believe in diplo- pate in the international

ISLAMABAD (APP): Chief of Naval Staff Admiral Muhammad Amjad Khan Niazi paid a farewell call on President Dr Arif Alvi here at the Aiwan-e-Sadr, the Presi-

dent House said. The president lauded the services of the outgoing naval chief and his contribution to the country and the Pakistan Navy. He wished Admiral Niazi

the best for his future.

President, PM

laud services

of outgoing

naval chief

Meanwhile outgoing Chief of Naval Staff Admiral Muhammad Amjad Khan Niazi paid a farewell call on Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haa Kakar here on Thursday the PM Office said. PM Kakar lauded the services of the outgoing naval chief for his leadership of the institution and playing a key role in making the country's defence impregnable.

China invites PM Kakar to **BRI** ceremony

ISLAMABAD (INP): China has invited Pakistan Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar for participating in a Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) ceremony. The invitation was extended during a meeting between the foreign ministers of China and Pakistan which was held in Tibet on Thursday. The meeting between FM Jalil Abbas Jilani and his Chinese counterpar Wang Yi focused a raft of issues including the ongo ing Hamalya Region Con ference being held in Tibet.

Most wanted terrorist killed in Dera shootout

PESHAWAR (APP): Police in collaboration with law enforcing agencies (LEAs) on Thursday brought down a most wanted terrorist in a shootout in Dera Ismail Khan.

According to the Central Police Office, the Al Barq Unit of police in collaboration with law enforcing agencies, shot dead a most wanted terrorist to the CTD in an intelligencebased operation.

The dead terrorist named Haibat was wanted to CTD in ten cases of heinous nature crimes and was carrying a head money of six million rupees

Solangi says

Pakistan intends to develop itself as progressive, democratic, peaceful nation

ISLAMABAD (APP): Caretaker Federal Minister for Information and Broadcasting Murtaza Solangi on Thursday said that Pakistan intended to move forward by developing itself as a progressive and democratic nation that desired peace within its frontiers

ISLAMABAD: Chief of Naval Staff, Admiral Muhammad Amjad Khan Niazi

paid a farewell call on President Dr. Arif Alvi at Aiwan-e-Sadr.

and across the world. Speaking at an international conference "Navigating Peace & Security in the Region and Beyond: Pakistan's Role," organised at the Institute of Strategic Studies Islamabad (ISSI), he said: "We want to be a nation that wants to look after its people and intends to focus on the welfare of its masses.

The minister said now the Pakistan government had a clear vision to focus on its people, and economic revival and it had recently taken several initiatives to bolster the economy and explore new prospects for

trade and investment. He said the countries and political leadership did make mistakes in the past and Pakistan also had its share of mistakes and adding "but now we want to move on". The minister said it was in Pakistan's interest to avoid the ongoing confrontation between major world powers. He said that Pakistan had some lessons from its role with regard to the confrontation of major

powers in the past. Solangi said now Pakistan was desirous of establishing good relations with its neighbours including India and Afghanistan. and added Islamabad already enjoyed good relations with China and Iran.

He said that Pakistan also enjoyed very good relations with Middle East countries and now it was focusing to further improve economic and trade ties with the oil-rich states.



Mr. Murtaza Solangi, Caretaker Federal Minister for Information and Broadcasting addressing on international conference titled "Navigating Peace & Security in the Region and Beyond: Pakistan's Role," in Islamabad.

Amid threats to Ahmad cricket stadium

Pakistan urges India to provide security to team

Amid reports of terror threats to Narendra Modi Stadium in Ahmedabad, Pakistan has called upon India to provide security to the national team during the ICC World Cup 2023.

The statement came after Foreign Office Spokesperson Mumtaz Zahra Baloch was asked to comment on visa delays for Pakistani fans and journalists and media reports regarding terror threats during a weekly press briefing in the federal capital on

Thursday. The Indian government soon.

ISLAMABAD (INP): hasn't granted visas to media persons even though they had applied for it much ahead of the mega tournament. 'The host country

should provide protection to our cricket team in the ICC World Cup 2023," she said, adding that it is the responsibility of the Indian government to create a favourable environ-

Mumtaz Zahra Baloch stated that they are in touch with Indian authorities and hoped that the visas would be issued

ISLAMABAD (INP): Pa- confronting regional peace and stability be addressed far from convinced with ministers met in Tibet on in collaborative spirit verbal assurances of the in-Thursday amid tensions as through collective strate- terim Afghan government. gies. No further details Relations between the two that the crackdown against were provided but sources countries have been illegal immigrants was not said the issue of terrorist strained in recent weeks against a particular nation- sanctuaries in Afghanistan because of lack of decisive ality. As tensions deepened was one of the main talk- action by the Afghan two ing points. According to Taliban government against neighbours, Foreign Minis- sources, Foreign Minister the TTP. APP adds: Pakistan on ter Jalil Abbas Jilani met Jilani made it clear that Afghanistan will have to ful-Thursday said its recent Amir Khan Muttaqi in fil its commitment to deny decision to deport illegal

attend an international Pakistan (TTP) a space to against all foreigners withoperate from the out having valid visa docu-

The spokesperson said the ongoing operation was against the individuals who had either overstayed their visas or did not have the valid documents to stay.

bilateral trade between Patinued to take place, however, stressed that Pakistan would not accept the mis-

Bugti instructs concerned officials to solve public

problems immediately ISLAMABAD (APP): In a on the spot. He assured the bold move to ensure public convenience and welfare, Caretaker Interior Minister Sarfraz Ahmed Bugti has instructed concerned officials to solve the problems of the people who come to the Home Ministry imme-

diately He also warned that he will not tolerate any form of official culture or attitude that may hinder the process, he said in a tweet.

The home minister made these remarks during a meeting with the public at his office on Thursday. He listened to their problems and issued instructions to the concerned officials people that the staff of the Ministry of Interior is available at all times to solve their problems on pri-

The minister also emphasized the need to end the culture of bribery and nepotism. He said that there was no room in the Ministry of Interior for those who cause undue delay, bribery or abuse of power.

This commendable initiative by the minister is sure to bring a sigh of relief to the people of the country, who have long been plagued by bureaucratic delays and corrup-

WB director, Planning minister discuss rehabilitation projects in flood-hit areas

ĀMABAD (APP): World Bank (WB) Country Director for Pakistan Najy Benhassine Thursday called on Caretaker Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives Muhammad Sami Saeed and discussed the progress and implementation of the rehabilitation reconstruction projects in the flood-af-

Secretary Manzur Sumra and senior officials of the Ministry also attended the meeting that reviewed the current status of the projects' implementation, a news release said. The two sides dis-

cussed the WB-funded projects related to infrastructure development, energy, environment and other flood-affected rehabilitation. The WB country director appreciated the work of the caretaker government especially the Ministry of Planning for early implementation of projects, assuring his institution's continued support for Pakistan in



Benhassine calls on Caretaker Minister for Planning Development & Special Initiatives Muhammad Sami Saeed to discuss the progress and implementation projects for rehabilitation and reconstruction in the flood effected areas.

Caretaker Foreign Minister Jalil Abbas Jilani meets Afghan Acting FM Amir Khan Muttaqi in Tibet, China. Matter of people becoming missing brings bad name for country: IHC

ISLAMABAD (Online): Chief Justice (CJ) Islamabad High Court (IHC) has remarked that matter of people becoming missing earns bad name for He further remarked

the appeals are pending since five years. We feel ashamed of sitting this He gave these remarks

while presiding over two members bench of IHC during the hearing of case related to journalist Mudassar Naro and other missing persons Thursday. Aurangzeb people go missing but state

Miangul remarked does nothing. The previous Prime Minister (PM) appeared and he too misled. When next PM comes he will have different priori-progress in this matter.

powerful but it says in missing persons case it can do nothing in this regard. People go missing here. Do you expect development of this country. No country will give you dollars if your citizens are not safe. The courts should not tolerate the process of making the citizens missing at any cost. Attorney general

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Economic team to reach Morocco Sunday to attend annual meetings of WB, IMF

ISLAMABAD (Online): Economic team of ministry of finance will reach Morocco on Sunday to attend annual meetings of World Bank (WB) and IMF.

According to ministry sources the economic team will be led by care taker finance minister. Finance secretary and governor state bank will accompany care taker fi nance minister. eetings of economic team are scheduled with MDI IMF, President World Bank and Asian Development Bank authorities.

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Targeting Afghans

The government has given all illegal immigrants in the country till the end of the month to return to their homelands or risk deportation.

This includes 1.73m Afghans, who, according to Interior Minister Sarfraz Bugti, are undocumented E-tazkiras — Afghan identity cards — will no longer be deemed valid after Oct 31, leaving only passports and visas as the acceptable form of identification. Mr Bugti said it is to ensure the "welfare and security" of Pakistanis. While security is paramount, one cannot help but question the real motive behind these plans.

The interior minister pointedly said that of the 24 suicide attacks that took place in Pakistan since January, "14 bombings were carried out by Afghan nationals". This was a troubling statement to have made on TV and nothing short of ethnic profiling. Even more disturbing was his announcement of a web portal and a national helpline where anyone can report "illegal immigrants" in exchange for a reward. These decisions — seemingly targeting the Afghans — in addition to others taken in recent weeks suggest there may be more to it than meets

It bears mentioning that September saw an alarming rise in the rounding up of Afghans in the backdrop of renewed tensions between Islamabad and Kabul, which followed a TTP attack in Chitral. The Afghan embassy said more than 1,000 Afghans were detained in the past two weeks — half of them despite having a legal right to be in Pakistan.

Why was such treatment meted out to those who have sought refuge on our soil for four decades? And with what conscience, when we are so quick to urge the West not to close their doors on war-ravaged Syrians, Iranians, and the like? Was it to pressure the Taliban rulers in Kabul to 'do more' with the TTP?

While Pakistan cannot allow such a large number of undocumented foreigners and must enact measures to properly register them, the West, which packed its bags and left Afghanistan in the lurch, must also bear responsibility for the ongoing fallout.

It must provide Pakistan assistance in this endeavour, monetarily as well as in terms of technical expertise. It must also help those migrants who came here with the hope of moving to the US or other Western countries under refugee resettlement

The migrants allege delays in the processing of their resettlement applications, lack of help from UNHCR and trouble securing an extension of their Pakistani visas. The UNHCR has belatedly offered to help Pakistan manage and register people in need of international protection.

The Afghans cannot be wished away. They are a part of the region's sociopolitical fabric, and a compassionate, sustainable solution must be sought for their plight. Abandoning them in haste will only sow seeds of future discord.

Only time will tell



F.S. Aijazuddin

In war, truth is the first casualty. In Third World countries, truth all too often is smothered at birth. Never more often than when general elections are

The midwife of our elections — the Election Commission of Pakistan has informed us that our general elections will be delivered in the last week of January 2024. The exact date is a secret to which we voters are not

Traditionally, our Election Commission has always been headed by iudges. We have had 16 in succession since 1969. For the first time since then, however, the chief election commissioner in 2020 was handpicked from

amongst the bureaucracy. The present CEC Sikandar Sultan Raja joined the DMG/PAS in 1987. His last posting was as federal secretary/chairman. Pak---istan Railways. in 2018. After 14 unsu--ng months there, he was appointed CEC in January 2020 for a period of five years

According to the ECP website, the only election he has ever conducted was in Azad Jammu & Kashmir, where in 2016 as chief secretary AJK "he ensured peaceful, free and fair elections". (AJK has 2.7 million registered voters; Pakistan has 127m.)

The last 'free and fair' elections in Pakistan were conducted in 1970, under president Gen Yahya Khan. The CEC at the time was a Bengali, Mr Abdus Sattar. The political maelstrom that followed left the country, it does the job Sattar stranded in West Pakistan. Eventually, he

returned to Bangladesh, where in time he became its seventh president. descending dismissal of Under our Constitu-

tion, the CEC enjoys the status of a judge of the Supreme Court of Pakistan. That did not prevent CEC Raja, however, from flouting the orders of his judicial brethren in the Supreme Court, when on March 22, 2023, he postponed the provincial elections. Some fear that, sometime before the last week of January 2024, the bureaucrat CEC will revert to the lessons he absorbed during his training. He will follow precedent

The CEC's tenure will end in January 2025. Like his predecessor CEC Abdus Sattar in 1970, he might have to manage the afterbirth of the elections, should there be a controversy over the results. The political parties — especially the PPP — are already in a state of apprehensive agitation about the unevenness of the playing field. It is not unlikely that the PPP leadership (father, aunt and son) may refuse to accept the results of the 2024 elections, just as Mr Bhutto did

The PML-N — its

this time, his own.

former coalition partner and again its main opponent has promised Oct 21 (the scheduled date of supremo Nawaz Sharif's return to Pakistan) as the 'Day of Deliverance'. Considering that the PML-N has been in power on three occasions in the past, it is approaching the next elections as Britain's ruling Conservative party is before its own polls - as political 'underdogs'. This disheartening admission was made by the chairman of the Conservative Party Greg Hands. He told delegates at the party conference a few days ago that (1) everyone praised Prime Minister Rishi Sunak, (2) no one trusted the Labour party, and (3) whenever Labour opposition runs

y. to impotence". -- Cour-It could have been a tesy Dawn

script tailored for the PML-N's penchant for hero worship and its con-

every opposition. There are still four months to go before our elections. Although there is a quasi-em-bargo on news about the PTI leader Imran Khan, the little news secreted into the me--dia indicates that he has accepted the te--d-ium of incarceration, like some schoolboy after his first homesick days at boarding school.

It has taken Imran Khan some time to adjust. He has, sooner than expe-cted. That became apparent when he was informed that he was being transferred to the comparatively more congenial Adiala jail. He told his captors that he preferred to remain where he was.

The longer his imprisonment, the stronger his resolve. When he is released — as he shall, when the patience of his captors runs out — he might like to recall the words of an Olympian athlete Louis Zamperini: "All I did was pray to God, every day. In prison camp, the main prayer was, 'Get me home alive, God, and I'll seek you and serve you'. I came home, got wrapped up in the celebration, and forgot about the hundreds of promises I'd made to God.'

From his tenure as prime minister, Imran Khan learned the same Winston Churchill had, after the unexpected surrender of Singapore in World War II. Churchill wrote of that debacle: "My advisers ought to have known and I ought to have been told, and I ought to have asked." Other leaders, if elected, should remember to remain "connected to the political class, the bureaucracy, the media, the wider public, and of course the establishment. To be isolated ... is to be doomed

Crop challenges



Khurram Zia Khan

That Pakistan is a land of opportunities, is not mere rhetoric but a reality. Unfortunately, flawed planning, misplaced priorities, the weak writ of governments and thoughtless actions to attain shortterm gains have pushed this country into a state of disarray

Pakistan's agricultural hands form nearly 42 per cent of its entire workforce and consume almost 90pc of water. This sector is a major support base for the textile industry, which forms the backbone of Pakistan's exports. Maize, cotton, rice, sugarcane and wheat are our five major crops; these consume a major portion of land, labour and water in the agrarian sphere. But, despite this, their growth rate is negligible — just 1.1pc in the last two decades.

A low crop yield, non-availability of seeds, inadequate storage facilities, lack of infrastructure and the minimal to virtually nonexistent use of technology are key issues that plague the country's farming belt. The regular and forceful impacts of the relatively new climate change phenomenon have also emerged as formidable chal-

lenges for this vital zone. Furthermore, government intervention regarding some of the crops is also proving detrimental for agriculture. Wheat is a glaring example of the state's intrusion as it is the only crop that the authorities purchase from farmers. The government did set

subsidises flour further at the utility stores level. Therefore, such excessive intervention from nied. the administration has led to a wheat yield that is stagnant at around three tonnes per hectare, which is a fraction of global quantities. On

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growth rate surpasses

that of the other crops. A deep dive into the farming sector reveals that cultivators in most parts of the country use seeds of poor quality, which is regrettable as the result is a low yield ucts. The induction of and an inability to withstand harsh weather conditions. Moreover, growers have limited or no access to modern techniques. As for water, much of this precious commodity goes to waste in the absence of any serious effort to introduce solutions that will help reduce its consumption.

To turn around the fortunes of Pakistan's agriculture sector, the corporate world must come forward to play an active part by investing in the acquisition of high-quality seeds and provide the needed fifree this sector from a support price of wheat feudal clutches, and

Caretaker Federal Minister

Telecommunication, Dr.

Umar Saif expressed the

hope that the decision to

allow IT companies to

retain 50 percent of their

export proceeds in special

foreign currency accounts

will increase IT exports to

This groundbreaking move fulfills a longstanding

demand of the IT sector

and underscores Dr. Saif's

unwavering commitment to

companies were permitted to retain only 35 percent

of their export proceeds in

the industry's growth.

Previously,

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to benefit the agricultur- close coordination with alists but, unfortu- the farmers will contribnately, due to the pow- ute significantly to an erful presence of middle- increase in the yield as men, the real farmers re- well as ensure the wellmain deprived of the being of those tilling value they deserve. the soil. Major Hundreds of billions of organisations can also rupees are borrowed by help restructure the the government to ob- sector and aid the govtain and store wheat, ernment in generating which is then sold to revenue in the form of flour mills so that the taxes. They will also poverty-stricken can create better storage faget cheap flour. Addi- cilities so that farmers tionally, the government can store the harvest as opposed to throwing it into the river when the desired prices are de-

The involvement of corporates in dairy farming can serve as a benchmark — packaged milk companies working closely with the other hand, the dairy farmers collabomaize and rice produce rate with both large herd owners and those with two to three milkthese are turning out to producing dairy animals. Hence small herd Pakistan's agriculture owners can earn from the excess milk produced by their domestic animals, instead of having to dispose of it due to the lack of storage. This sector also contributes to the national exchequer and is set to export dairy prodcorporates is one solution, but I am sure there are numerous others too. Globally, agricultural land is shrinking because of the rise in population and increased industrialisation. Many countries are now buying land in Africa and other places to cultivate crops for their people.

As the food crisis is expected to climb, Pakistan too has the potential to evolve into a leader in global food supplies by revamping its food production. The time is ripe for those at the helm of affairs to recognise the importance and bennances and support to efits of making Pakistan upgrade equipment and a food-surplus country machinery. Corporate and lawmakers should participation will also strive on a war footing to achieve this goal. --Courtesy Dawn

pivotal step toward streamlining financial

operations and bolstering

enhancement of forex

companies" on the agenda

of the Special Investment

Facilitation Council (SIFC)

Following the directives of the SIFC, SBP

is now set to revise foreign

exchange regulations, permitting IT exporters

and companies to retain 50

percent of their export

proceeds in these specialized foreign

meeting marked

significant milestone.

The inclusion of

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ISLAMABAD: Newly appointed Chinese

Ambassador to Pakistan, H.E Mr. Jiang Zaidong,

called on Federal Minister for Finance, Revenue

& Economic Affairs at Finance Division.

Commerce News

High-Level meeting strengthens economic ties between Pakistan, Kazakhstan

ISLAMABAD (APP): In a rooted friendship and the Commerce and Industry, move towards enhancing economic cooperation and bilateral trade, Pakistan's Minister of Commerce and Industry, Dr. Gohar Ejaz, engaged in a Zoom meeting with the Minister of Trade and Integration of the Republic of Kazakhstan, Shakkaliyev Arman.

served as a platform for both explore opportunities for a mutually beneficial partnership and to foster greater economic collaboration, said a press release issued here.

Minister Shakkaliyev Arman began the discussions by highlighting the deepuntapped potential for trade between Kazakhstan and

need for expanding regional player. cooperation in various sectors and increasing the trade volume between the

Minister The virtual meeting expressed particular interest exploring trade opportunities in agricultural products and the potential for transit trade and logistics through the Pakistani ports of Gwadar and Karachi, facilitating access to South

> Dr. Gohar Ejaz, Pakistan's Minister of to be part of this journey.'



Kazakhstan's progress as its GDP has reached \$250 billion and international trade stands at \$150 billion.

Minister Ejaz stated, Pakistan's international trade stands at \$100 billion, with a GDP of \$350 billion, our mutual trade with Kazakhstan stands at a mere \$100 million. Our vision is to increase exports by \$100 billion in five years, and we welcome Kazakhstan

TDAP Chief **Executive** visits SCCI

SIALKOT (APP): Trade Development Authority of Pakistan (TDAP) Chief Executive Muhammad Zubair Motiwala and Secretary TDAP Dr. Fareed Iqbal Qureshi, along with their team visited Sialkot Chamber of Commerce & Industry (SCCI) for an engagement with the business community. Upon their arrival, they received a warm welcome from the SCCI Senior Vice President Wahub Jahangir and Vice President Amer Majeed

The meeting centered on addressing various industry-related concerns and TDAP (Trade Development Authority of Pakistan) assured their full commitment to promptly resolve these issues. Addressing the business community, TDAP Chief Executive Muhammad Zubair Motiwala said that Sialkot was a place which had diversification and whatever you were doing was truly required for the country. The TDAP Chief Executive said that FIFA World Cup Football was played with Sialkot made football while 'Your Karate' was one of the top most



Minister for Privatisation Fawad Hasan Fawad.

Fawad expresses resolve to privatize loss-making entities

Caretaker Minister for Privatization Fawad Hassan Fawad on Thursday expressed the firm resolve of the government to privatize major loss-making stateowned enterprises to avoid a substantial financial drain of national resources as well as enhancing their working efficiencies.

The minister held a meeting with the Country Head of the World Bank Najy Benhassine and discussed the caretaker government's strategic agenda for privatization, with specific attention to undertake the privatization privatizing Pakistan of major loss-making State-

ISLAMABAD (APP): International Airlines Owned Enterprises (SOEs) (PIA) and optimizing the performance Distribution Companies (DISCOs). This concerted effort aims to rectify substantial financial losses

incurred by these entities and thereby alleviate the fiscal burden on the government, said a press release. The Minister said that the federal government including the SIFC, committee of comprising civil bureaucracy, military leadership, and political stakeholders, unanimously agreed to

which are already on the privatization list.

He said that the PIA has emerged as the foremost priority for privatization due to its persistent and staggering financial losses, amounting to billions of rupees annually, adding that privatizing PIA is considered imperative to remove these losses and improve its operational efficiency.

Fawad Hasan Fawad explained the outlines of the PIA privatization plan, expressing government's intention to engage the World Bank.

LCCI, DHF ink MOU

LAHORE (APP): The Lahore Chamber of Commerce and Industry (LCCI) and Dilawar Hussain Foundation inked a Memorandum Understanding (MOU) to ensure diagnosis and access to affordable and high-quality medicines to diabetics in Pakistan.

The agreement, which aims to improve the lives of millions of people currently living with diabetes, was signed by LCCI President Kashif Anwar and Chairman Dilawar Hussain Foundation Hassan Zubair Sheikh in the presence of organizations

Diversifying economic activities stressed to protect Pak economy from global uncertainties

Ombudsman (FTO) Meher Kashif Younis on Thursday said diversification of economic activities across various sectors including technology, renewable energy, agriculture, healthcare and manufacturing can shield Pakistan from uncertainties of global

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markets. Speaking at a seminar on "The importance of diversification in economic growth" held here under the aegis of Gold Ring Economic Fourm, a strategic think tank, he said as Pakistan continues to other dignitaries from both | navigate the complexities the international

(APP): economy, diversification Coordinator to Federal Tax can prove to be a pivotal strategy for sustainable growth and resilience, said

> interconnected world, economies are increasingly interdependent. investing in diverse sectors, we can mitigate risks associated with economic downturns in specific industries. He said more over, diversification fosters innovation and entrepreneurship. Encouraging a wide range of industries not only creates job opportunities but also nurtures a culture creativity

adaptability.

news release here. He said in today's

ISLAMABAD: PTCL and Ufone 4G Group Chief Marketing Officer, Atif Raza presents a memento bat signed by Babar Azam, Pakistan Cricket Team captain t Hatem Bamatraf, President and Group CEO PTCL and Ufone 4G, during a TV commercial

Headquarters) in Islamabad Rs.295.6m fine imposed on 2383 power pilferers

reveal event, held at Ufone Tower (PTCL Group

FAISALABAD (APP): were registered against The Faisalabad Electric accused in various police Supply Company (Fesco) caught 2,383 pilferers during last 28 days and imposed a fine of over Rs 295.6 million in various areas of the company during an ongoing special anti-power theft drive. Spokesman Tahir them under the head of Sheikh said on Thursday 2.247 million detection that over 6.527 million units. In Jhang district, detection units were teams caught 225 charged. A sum of over Rs electricity thieves and 119 million was also imposed a fine of Rs recovered from defaulters.

stations whereas police also arrested pilferers so far.

He said that the teams detected electricity theft at 840 points in Faisalabad district and imposed a fine of Rs101.5 million on 35.7 million under He said that 2.300 cases 823.000 detection units.

productions in the world.

Chinese Envoy calls on Finance Minister

ISLAMABAD (Online): commitment to further Finance Division, today.

Ambassador Jiang Zaidong on his appointment as Ambassador of People's Republic of China to Pakistan, the Minister appreciated the enduring, robust, and time tested friendly relations between the two countries. The Finance Minister expressed government's unwavering

The Chinese Ambassador strengthen these ties. She also Jiang Zaidong called on the expressed gratitude for Federal Minister for China's invaluable support Finance, Revenue, & and assistance to Pakistan in Economic Affairs, Dr. various sectors.Outlining Shamshad Akhtar at Government's resolve towards economic reforms, While felicitating Dr. Akhtar underlined the importance of these reforms in the revitalization of the national economy. The reaffirmed Minister Pakistan's determination to successfully completing the **IMF** Programme,

demonstrating government's commitment to sound economic governance.

CM KP chairs Sehat Card Scheme meeting

KP Govt, SLIP agree for regular monthly payments through installment

PESHAWAR (APP): The the implementing partner Chief Minister said that his Khyber Pakhtunkhwa i.e. State Life Insurance government was not only Government and State Life Insurance Pakistan here Thursday agreed that payment will be made to the latter on regular monthly installments for Sehat Card scheme.

This was decided during an important meeting regarding Sehat Card Scheme held here at Chief Minister's House with Caretaker Chief Minister Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Muhammad Azam Khan in the chair.

Matters related to the implementation of reforms approved by the provincial cabinet to run the scheme on sustainable basis, and time. Talking on the payment of outstandings to occasion, the caretaker

MULTAN

Additional Chief Secretary

South Punjab, Saqib Zafar

has said that the forests

were the beauty of the

universe and jewel of earth.

views during the inauguration of the tree-

plantation drive at Lal

Sohanra National Park

Bahawalpur as 2500

saplings were planted on

the first day. Secretary

Forest and Wildlife South

Punjab Sarfraz Khan Magsi

was also accompanied by

Nasir Jamal Hotiana, whole world.

He expressed these

PESHAWAR: Police display a huge quantity of

smuggled liquor, recovered during an operation.

Forests jewel of

earth: ACS South

Secretary Livestock serious threats to the

Secretary Services Amjad

Shoaib Khan Tareen,

Secretary Irrigation Abdul

Khaliq Razzaqi and others

also took part in the

campaign and planted

saplings.
ACS South Punjab

while addressing the ceremony said that Pakistan was facing adverse effects of climate

change and that last year's

flood due to heavy rains

was also the result of

climate change. He said the

global temperature was

increasing which poses

Company came under discussion. Advisor to the Chaudhry, Chief Executive Officer of the State Life Insurance Company and other concerned authorities attended the meeting. It was agreed in the meeting that in future, payment will be made to State Life Insurance Company on regular monthly installments. Relevant authorities of health department were directed to ensure implementation of newly approved reforms in the minimum possible

committed to run Sehat Card Scheme on sustainable Chief Minister for Health basis but also taking Dr. Riaz Anwar, Chief concrete steps to this Secretary Nadeem Aslam effect.He said that the provincial government was facing financial crunch due to non-payment of due shares by the federal government on time, and that's why the provincial government was facing difficulties in paying the dues to State Life Insurance Company, and added that despite the financial crunch. it was the top most priority of the caretaker provincial government to continue the provision of free healthcare facilities under the Sehat Card Scheme.

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Islam is religion of peace: VC

SUKKUR (APP): Vice Chancellor (VC), Arore University Sukkur Engr Zahid Hussain Khand has said Islam is a religion of peace and Allah dislikes Shirk and clashes which can be avoided by following the teachings of Hazrat Muhammad (PBUH). Addressing a ceremony here Thursday, he said that we must form a society on the basis justice, which must be irrespective of any kind of biases and differences. The VC said that the biggest problem of the world was to establish peace in the world and the problem could be solved by preaching the teachings of Hazrat Muhammad (PBUH). Other speakers said that the life of Hazrat Muhammad (PBUH) was the best example for us and it was the responsibility of parents

next generation. They said that Islamic literature was being removed from curriculum books under a conspiracy and the West was making progress by following some of the principles of Islam.

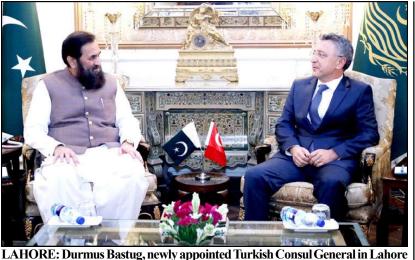
and teachers to transfer our

Muhammad (PBUH) to the

Hazrat

with

love



called on Governor Punjab Muhammad Balighur Rehman at Governor House.

Pakistan and Turkiye enjoy close historical & friendly ties: Baligh

Independent Report AHORE: Durmus

Bastug, the newly appointed Turkish Consul General in Lahore, called on Governor Punjab Muhammad Balighur Rehman at Governor House Lahore. The Governor of Punjab expressed his best wishes for the Consul General. During the meeting, bolstering bilateral relations between Pakistan and Turkiye and enhancing cooperation in the fields of education, trade, and tourism were discussed in

Independent Report

PESHAWAR: Provincial

Caretaker Minister for

Primary, Secondary and

Higher Education, Dr.

Muhammad Oasim Jan has

emphasized the significant

role of teachers in society

stating that their contribution in nation building cannot be

undermined.He expressed

these views as a special guest

at an event commemorating

International Teachers Day at

Government Higher Secondary

School No: 1 in Peshawar. The

event featured speeches.

national songs, and tributes

by students to their teachers.

to teachers for their services

He expressed gratitude

occasion, Punjab Governor Muhammad Balighur Rehman said that Turkiye is a brotherly country. Pakistan and Turkiye enjoy close historical and friendly ties. He said that there should be maximum exchange of educational and trade delegations between Turkiye and Pakistan.

The exchange of delegations at the public level will further promote bilateral relations in the field of trade and tourism, he added

and highlighted their pivotal

role in the country's

development. He also urged

students to honor and respect

their teachers, recognize their

role in nurturing society and

shaping the future generation. The minister

assured that economic

challenges would be

addressed and teachers'

issues including their up-

gradation would be resolved

soon. He encouraged teachers

to focus their energies on

providing quality education

and assured them that the

government is committed to

addressing their concerns and

providing them

necessary support.

Governor Punjab said

Speaking on this that a large number of Pakistanis go to Turkiye for the purpose of tourism, and a large number of Pakistani students are also studying in Turkish universities. He said that there are opportunities for foreign direct investment in Pakistan for Turkish investors. Governor Punjab said that the government is grateful to Turkiye for helping the flood victims in Pakistan last year. He said that the

Pakistani government and people came forward to help the earthquake victims in Turkey.

Two person, girl killed

FAISALABAD (APP): Two persons including a girl were killed in different incidents near here on Thursday.

According to Rescue-122, Javeria (8) suffered fatal electric shock from a water pump at her home in Chak No 627-GB and died on the spot.

Separately, a man was shot dead over the suspicion of illicit relations in the limits of Garh police station. According to a spokesperson, the victim Tanveer of Thatha Doka wanted to marry a girl of his own choice but the alleged accused Muhammad Sabtain, Fareed and Javed, brothers

of the girl Rukaiya shot him

US Consul General calls on CM Naqvi

Independent Report AHORE: US Consul General Ms. Kristin K. Hawkins deputed in Lahore met with the Caretaker Chief Minister Punjab Mohsin Naqvi here on Thursday in which matters pertaining to mutual interests, promotion of bilateral

relations and enhancing

cooperation in various

sectors were discussed.

The American Consul General lauded steps being taken by the Punjab government under the leadership of CM Mohsin Naqvi with regard to restoration and renovation of religious places especially of historical

buildings. The American Consul General stated that

the Punjab government is doing an appreciable work in order to safeguard and protect the religious and cultural heritage.

CM Mohsin Naqvi while talking with the American Consul General underscored that all citizens including the minorities enjoy equal rights in Pakistan according to the constitution. "We have chalked out a comprehensive plan for the restoration of religious and historical buildings." CM Mohsin Naqvi outlined that the Punjab government is vigorously pursuing its uniform agenda of progress by making the welfare and prosperity of the people as

its focal point.



KARACHI: Police officials carry out the grand combing search operation against criminals as security has been tightened in city due to security reasons at different areas of Old Golimar area in Karachi.

Minister stresses measures to reduce medical treatment cost

LAHORE (APP): Punjab collaborate Minister for Primary and Secondary Healthcare Dr Jamal Nasir has stressed the need to lower the cost of medical treatment. especially medicines' prices, in the light of the country's current economic challenges. Speaking at the Provincial Drugs Quality Control Board meeting on Thursday, he highlighted Pakistan's economic constraints and the need to control rising treatment costs.

Dr. Nasir called upon the government institutions, pharmaceutical companies,

comprehensive strategy to lower medicines' prices. He emphasised the importance of safeguarding Pakistan's prosperity and economic growth by ensuring accessible healthcare for all. He urged medical-related businesses to prioritise public welfare over personal profits.

Highlighting the humanitarian aspect of medicines, Dr. Nasir said that quality medication was a fundamental right of people and encouraged the local pharmaceutical industry to produce internationally and stakeholders to acclaimed medicines.

International News

Minister highlights

significance of

teachers in society

Putin says West has lost touch with reality, Russia had to push back

Monitoring Desk MOSCOW: Russian President Vladimir Putin said on Thursday that the United States was seeking to impose its crumbling hegemony across the world and that the war in Ukraine showed how far the West had lost touch with reality.

"We did not start the so-called war in Ukraine. On the contrary - we are trying to finish it," Putin told a meeting of the Valdai Discussion Club in the Black Sea resort of Sochi. The West had caused

the war because the United States was a "hegemon"

which considered itself the only arbiter of truth on the planet, said the Kremlin chief. Putin said the leaders of the West had lost "a sense of reality" because of what he cast as Washington's "co-United States had to lecture any other country. Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine in February 2022 unleashed a war that has devastated swathes of eastern and southern Ukraine, killed or injured hundreds of

thousands of men and trig-

gered the biggest rupture in

Russia's ties with the West

The West casts the war as Moscow's biggest strategic blunder since the 1979 Soviet invasion of Afghanistan and Western leaders say they want to lonial thinking". He questioned what right the fields of Ukraine. A Ukrainian counteroffensive has so far failed to yield major territorial success.

Putin, though, presents the war as part of a much bigger struggle with the United States which the Kremlin elite says aims to cleave Russia apart, grab its vast natural resources and then turn to settling scores with China.



Activists from various local and foreign NGOs gather around the Tolerance Monument in a park

UN warns global economic growth on verge of stalling

Monitoring Desk UNITED NATIONS: The United Nations has warned that the world economy is headed for a protracted slowdown without reform of the global financial architecture, better policies to combat inflation, in-

equality, sovereign debt

and stronger market regu-

Economic growth is forecast to stall, slowing to 2.4 percent in 2023, from 3 percent in 2022, across most global regions with little prospect of a rebound in 2024, the UN Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) said in a report released on Wednesday

which is based in Geneva, said that the global economy is at "a critical juncture", with some economies thriving and expanding, while others falter and slow down.

Rebeca Grynspan, UNCTAD Secretary-General, emphasised the need to avoid past policy errors. "We need a balanced

policy mix of fiscal, monetary and supply-side measures to achieve financial sustainability, boost productive investment and create better jobs. Regulation needs to address the deepening asymmetries of the international trading and financial system," she said.

Senators say they hope to meet with Xi during China trip

Monitoring Desk WASHINGTON: A bipartisan group of U.S. senators hope to meet with Chinese President Xi Jinping during a trip to China this month, two of them told NBC News, as a whirl of diplomatic activity builds expectations for a meeting later this year between the leaders of the world's two larg-

est economies. "I don't think that that's clear yet whether it will happen," Sen. Mike Crapo, R-Idaho, said of a potential meeting between the senators and Xi.

"We want to meet with a number of the officials there as well as the American business community there as well, and we would like to meet with President Xi.

Crapo and Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., will lead the delegation, which also includes Sen. Bill Cassidy, R-La., Sen. Maggie Hassan, D-N.H., Sen. John Kennedy, R-La., and Sen. Jon Ossoff, D-Ga. They will also visit U.S. allies South Korea and Japan during the 10-day trip



tender in the race to be the next Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives, arrives for a meeting with the Texas Republican House delegation, at the U.S. Capitol in Washington, U.S.

Russia-Ukraine war: Moscow's missile strike kills at least

KYIV: Ukrainian officials

said on Thursday that 49 people had died as a result of a Russian attack on a grocery shop and cafe in Kharkiv's eastern region, where Moscow's forces have been pushing to recapture territory they lost last year to Ukrainian troops. Ukrainian President

Volodymyr Zelensky said the strike had slammed into the Kupiansk district of the war-battered region bordering Russia.

49 in Kupiansk grocery store, cafe "The brutal Russian crime of hitting an ordinary grocery store with a rocket is a completely deliberate

Ukraine downs 24 drones launched by Russia - military

Monitoring Desk

KYIV: Ukraine's air defences downed 24 of 29 Russian drones launched in attacks on its territory overnight, the Ukrainian general staff said on Thursday.

Ukraine's Air Force said the drones were destroyed over southern Odesa and Mykolaiv regions, as well as

Poland election turns Germany into punching bag, straining Western alliance

Monitoring Desk WARSAW: Fighting to win

an unprecedented third term in office, Poland's nationalist government has seized on a target close to home: Germany, its NATO ally and biggest trading part-

In a tight race ahead of Poland's Oct. 15 election, leaders of the ruling Law and Justice (PiS) party have accused Germany of trying to dictate Polish government policy from Berlin on anything from migration to gas.

The feud has frayed Europe's broadly united front supporting Ukraine against Russia's invasion, shredding a plan for a joint Polish-German tank repair plant for Kyiv's benefit.

ership also says Germany is plotting to install the party's main electoral opponent, the liberal former prime minister Donald Tusk, back in power.

The populist PiS lead-

PiS has tapped into a mistrust towards Germany that still runs high in part of the electorate

Biden thanks Qatar's emir for prisoner swap deal **Monitoring Desk**

CAIRO: US President Joe Biden called Qatar's Emir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad al-Thani to thank him for Doha's mediation that resulted in the release of a number of Americans from Iran, the Amiri Diwan and the White House said on Tuesday. Last month, with Doha's mediation, Iran freed five Americans as part of a prisoner swap for five Iranians held in the United States and the transfer of \$6 billion in Iranian funds, marking a rare deal between the long-time antagonists.

Biden to build new border wall touted by Trump, in policy reversal chant, "Build That Wall."

Monitoring Desk WASHINGTON: President Joe Biden's administration said on Thursday it will build additional sections of border wall to stave off record migrant crossings from Mexico, a policy reversal that embraces a signature measure of former President Donald Trump.

Trump is the frontrunner for the Republican Party nomination to challenge Biden, a Democrat, in the 2024 presidential race. Trump made building border barriers a central tenet of his first campaign for president with the rally

One of Biden's first actions after taking office in January 2021 was to issue a proclamation pledging "no more American taxpayer dollars be diverted to construct a border wall" as well as a review of all resources that had already been committed.

Trump was quick to claim victory and demand an apology.

"As I have stated often, over thousands of years,

there are only two things that have consistently worked. wheels, and walls!" Trump wrote on social media



Indian army personnel conduct a search operation for the missing soldiers in north Sikkim.

At least 14 dead, 102 missing in India glacial lake burst

Monitoring Desk NEW DELHI: Indian rescue teams searched on Thursday for 102 people missing after a devastating flash flood triggered by a high-altitude glacial lake burst killed at least 14, officials said.

Violent flooding from glacier lakes dammed by loose rock has become more frequent as global temperatures rise and ice melts, with climate scientists warning it poses an increasing danger across the wider Himalayan mountain range.

The number of human lives lost is 14 so far, and the number of missing is 102," Prabhakar Rai, director of the Sikkim state disaster management authority, told AFP a day after a wall of water rushed

down the mountainous valley in northeastern India.

Authorities said roads had been "severely" damaged and 14 bridges had been washed away.

Rescuers were battling to help those hit by the flood, with communications cut across large areas. and 25 relief camps set up for those forced to flee their "Floodwaters have

caused havoc in four dis-tricts of the state, sweeping away people, roads, bridges," Himanshu Tiwari, an Indian Army spokes-man, told AFP.

Twenty-two soldiers are among the missing, the army said. One previously missing soldier was rescued. The army was working to reestablish telephone



ISLAMABAD: President Dr Arif Alvi chairing a meeting on Breast Cancer Awareness with a delegation of Siemens Healthineers Pakistan, at Aiwan-e-Sadr.

President for collaborative efforts to raise awareness on breast cancer

President Dr. Arif Alvi on Thursday called for collaborative efforts by public and private sectors to create awareness about breast cancer, especially during October, besides providing support to those affected by the disease.

The president made hese remarks during a meeting with a delegation from Siemens Healthineers in Pakistan. CEO of Siemens, Khurram Jameel, and the First Lady Begum Samina Alvi attended the

The president said that media and other relevant stakeholders should join hands in the breast cancer awareness campaign and encourage women to engage in regular self-examinations and seek timely medical guidance for the early diagnosis of this lifethreatening ailment.

During the meeting, President Alvi highlighted the potential of digital technologies in addressing healthcare challenges, particularly in enhancing awareness, improving healthcare accessibility, and

raising the quality of care while minimizing costs. He underscored the importance of early screenings, self-examinations, and

improved medical services. Moreover, the president also underlined the pivotal role that private sector partners could play in raising awareness through media campaigns, standee displays in hospitals and public areas, distribution of pamphlets, and organizing educational workshops and seminars in women's edu-

cational institutions. He also called for or-

ganizing breast cancer awareness events during October. President Alvi also commended the role of the Pakistan Telecommunication Authority (PTA) and telecom companies, who had initiated a call-caution tone from 1st October on the advice of Presidency urging women to conduct self-examinations and seek medical advice if they noticed any unusual growth.

He said that spreading the message of self-examination for early breast cancer detection should not be regarded as taboo.

Solangi, Turkish envoy agree to enhance cooperation in diverse fields

kistan and Turkiye on Thursday agreed to promote bilateral cooperation in diverse fields including economy, trade, culture, tourism, media and people to people contacts.

This was decided in a meeting between Caretaker Federal Minister for Information and Broadcasting Murtaza Solangi and Ambassador of Turkiye Mehmet Pacaci who called on the minister here.

Murtaza Solangi said that Pakistan highly valued its relations with the country

"Pakistan and Turkiye have always supported each other in difficult times," Murtaza Solangi

Strongly condemning the recent bomb blast in Turkiye, the minister said Pakistan had faced the scourge of terrorism and Turkiye was also suffering

ISLAMABAD: Turkish Ambassador, Mehmet

Pacaci called on Murtaza Solangi Caretaker Fed-

eral Minister for Information and Broadcasting.

PBM assists 11.6million.

aids 250,000 in medical

care in past year

ISLAMABAD (APP): Pa- treatment for significant ill-

ISLAMABAD: Caretaker Federal Minister for

Human Rights Khalil George held a meeting with

Chairman Pakistan Ulema Council Maulana Tahir

CDA demolishes 7,867 illegal

structures in markets,

sidewalk tracks, green belts

kistan Bait ul Mal (PBM)

has provided assistance to

more than 11.616574 mil-

lion individuals in need and

has allocated financial sup-

port for medical treatment

to 250,000 individuals dur-

ing last year, said an official. He informed APP that

Individual Financial Assis-

tance (IFA) serves as a

means of support for the

underprivileged, including widows, impoverished

women, orphans, and indi-

viduals with disabilities.

This assistance encom-

passes various areas such

as general aid, education,

medical treatment, and re-

tance has been provided to 3,000 patients over the last

three years.
PBM offers medical

ISLAMABAD (APP):

The Directorate of En-

forcement, Capital Devel-

opment Authority (CDA)

has demolished over 7,867

illegal structures in the

markets, roads, green belts,

and sidewalk tracks in the

federal capital in one and a

around 13,243 items of en-

croachers have also been

confiscated, subsequently,

these articles are auctioned.

Besides, fines worth Rs.

5.126 million has also been

recovered from trespassers

as a penalty," sources in the

CDA told APP.

"During the operation,

half years.

The financial assis-

habilitation

nesses and disabilities

among financially disadvan-

taged patients. It also fos-

ters economic empower-

ment through rehabilitation

initiatives and provides

education stipends to de-

serving and talented stu-

dents from low-income

backgrounds enrolled in

public educational and tech-

the fiscal year 2022-23,

8,390 individuals received

medical assistance, 4,391

were granted educational

scholarships, and 18,375

received educational sti-

pends. PBM aids under

privileged students in gov-

ernment educational insti-

tutions but excludes those

in private schools or with

parents who are govern-ment servants.

tions carried out across the

board in the Islamabad

Capital Territory (ICT).

The sources said, "The Di-

rectorate was vigorously

undertaking anti-encroach-

ment operations on a regu-

lar basis throughout

Islamabad in order to curb

the illegal constructions in

tinuous operations were

being carried out on a

day-to-day basis 24/7

for the retrieval of state

land from land grabbers

and encroachers.

They said the con-

the ICT.

He mentioned that in

nical institutions.

ISLAMABAD (APP): Pa- from the same menace. "We are a strong country and incidents of terrorism cannot weaken us as a reiterated nation. Murtaza Solangi.

In the meeting, the need to expand cooperation in the fields of media. drama and films was also emphasized.

"Film and drama can play a key role in improving the global image of any country." Murtaza Solangi said adding Turkish plays were very popular in Pa-

Expressing the desire to co-produce movies with Turkiye, Murtaza Solangi said that Turkish filmmakers could benefit from tax amnesty given the film industry in Pakistan.

'Northern parts of Pakistan are rich in natural beauty and Turkish filmmakers can utilize these beautiful tourist areas. Murtaza Solangi remarked. Moreover, he said that

cooperation between the two countries in the fields of media was the need of the hour. He suggested that Pakistan and Turkiye should promote their culture together and in this context, joint films can also be exhibited at Pakistan. China Center.

Turkish ambassador said that Pakistan and Turkiye were cooperating in every sphere of life including media.

He said the Turkish overnment wanted to ring Turkish films to Paistani cinemas.

Mehmet Pacaci said that the Republic of Turkiye was celebrating its 100th anniversary, and they wanted to make these events memorable together with Pakistan.

The Turkish ambassador also appreciated the interest of the minister for information in the promotion of regional coop-

Tahir Ashrafi, George discuss Jaranwala

incident ISLAMABAD (APP): Pa-Chairman Muhammad

Mahmood Ashrafi discussed the Jaranwala incident with Caretaker Minister for Human Rights Khalil George, the other

Ashrafi who is also the President of the International Interfaith Harmony Council condemned the gruesome incident in the

George said the government was committed to upholding and promoting the rights of all citizens in accordance with the Constitution and the law.

He appreciated the Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar's immediate legal action against those involved in the Jaranwala incident. 'We will not allow bigotry and lawlessness to ignite animosity among our communities," he added.

ECP declares IPP as eligible to contest elections

ISLAMABAD (APP) The Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) has given the green light to Jahangir Khan Tareen's Istehkam-e-Pakistan Party (IPP) to participate in the upcoming elections across

the country. According to a notification, the Election Commission successfully completed the registration process for the new IPP party on Thursday. Official registration of IPP has been granted by the Election Commission, invoking Sections 208 and 209 (3) of the Elections Act, 2017 in conjunction with sub-rule (2) of Rule 158 from the Election Rules 2017

Pakistan to continue supporting Kashmiris till implementation of **UNSC** resolutions: PM ISLAMABAD (APP):

Cartaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar on Thursday, calling the Kashmir dispute an unfinished agenda of the partition, resolved that Pakistan would continue its political, moral and diplomatic support to the people of Kashmir.

The prime minister, in a meeting with Prime Minister of Azad Kashmir Chaudhry Anwarul Haq, who called on him, said that Pakistan would stand by the sue was resolved as per the aspirations of the Kashmiri people as well as the resolutions of the UN Security Council.

The AJK prime minister lauded PM Kakar for raising the voice in support of Kashmiri people at the forum of the United Nations General Assembly.

We, the people of Kashmir, are grateful to you for exposing Indian atrocities in Occupied Kashmir before the world," the AJK Kashmiris until the isprime minister added.

SAPM inaugurates new **OPF Boys College's campus**

ISLAMABAD (Online): seas Pakistani children a Special Assistant to the Prime Minister (SAPM) on Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development, Jawad Sohrab Malik, emphasized the government's unwavering support during the inauguration ceremony of the new OPF Boys College campus here in the Federal Capital. The Special Assis-

of overseas Pakistanis, according to a press release. He stressed the importance of nurturing the youth in a conducive environment with access to topquality resources, making quality education for over-

tant applauded the OPF for

inaugurating the new cam-

pus, catering to the educa-

tional needs of the children

paramount concern of the current administration.

Malik reaffirmed the government's top priority of extending comprehensive assistance to overseas Pakistanis, recognizing their pivotal role in bolstering the nation's economy. He underlined the government's keen interest in facilitating the integration of overseas Pakistanis into the national mainstream, citing the favorable environment for further initiatives. Earlier today, Malik formally inaugurated the new OPF Boys College junior campus located in the H-8 sector, expressing his admiration

for the facility's manage-

ment and infrastructure.



ISLAMABAD (Online) Islamabad High Cour (IHC) has issued important directive in 190 million pounds case.

pounds case

The court directed director industries and labor department to decide on the application of reg istration within two weeks in case against delay in registration under new trust act in 190 million pounds case.

The case came up for hearing before single bench of IHC led by Justice ,Miangul Aurangzeb Thursday.

IHC remarked the ral Conjunctivitis and prepetition filed by petitioner in connection with regis tration be decided within two weeks

Conjunctivitis ISLAMABAD (APP): val infection usually caused

The National Institute of Health (NIH) on Thursday issued an advisory for the prevention and control of Conjunctivitis (Pink eye) to provide information for mitigating the risk factors associated with the transmission of the disease. According to NIH, viral Conjunctivitis cases surge has been witnessed in some parts of the country in past few weeks. As per the advisory, it is imperative to undertake immediate and long-term preventive measures, and to alert and sensitize the health professionals to be vigilant and timely detect and treat cases of vi-

vent its further transmission in the community. The advisory said that sneeze into a disposable tisviral conjunctivitis, also sue or the inner crook of the

Return of Afghan refugees:

FIA immigration

counters to be build

by an adenovirus with symptoms including irritation, photophobia, and watery discharge (pus or crusty eyes). The advisory recom-

mended the measures including all viral conjunctivitis patients are encouraged to be self-quarantined or isolated for the duration of symptoms, and seeking medical care immediately if symptoms get worsened. As per directions of

the doctors, patients should be isolated in the hospital or at residence and avoid contact with others.

All patients should cover eyes with goggles in order to reduce photophobia symptoms. These patients should cough or elbow in order to avoid con contagious acute conjuncti- tamination of hands

ISLAMABAD: Secretary Information and Broadcasting Zahoor Ahmed presiding over Board of Directors meeting of Associated Press of Pakistan (APP) at APP Headquarters.

Sanjrani extends heartfelt appreciation to teachers

on World Teachers' Day ISLAMABAD (APP): In connection with World Teachers' Day, Chairman Senate Muhammad Sadiq a knowledgeable and em-Sanjrani has released a poignant message expressing sincere gratitude to the dedicated educators across the nation. In his statement, the Chairman Senate commended the tireless efforts of teachers in shaping the future of Pakistan, said a news release issued here on

powered society.

Sadiq Sanjrani further underscores the Senate's commitment to advancing education through the recently established Education Parliamentarians Caucus (EPC). This caucus aims to support and work towards an educated society in Pakistan, promoting education for all

Nawaz directs party to bring 5 lac people on Minar-e-Pakistan LAHORE (Online): PML-

N core committee meeting was held under Nawaz Sharif through video link.

Meeting was attended by former Prime Minister (PM) Nawaz Sharif, Maryam Nawaz, Hamza Shehbaz, Rana Sana Ullah, Ahsan Iqbal, Khawaja Asif. Marriyum Aurangzeb, Saad Rafiq and others.

According to sources the meeting reviewed overall economic and political situation of the country Consultation was made on government decision regard ing eviction of illegal immi

The committee reviewed the preparations made so far for the reception of Nawaz Sharif on his return to Pakistan on October 21.

SC adjourns hearing in plea against Elahi's arrest

ISLAMABAD (APP) The Supreme Court on Thursday adjourned hearing till indefinite time in a petition against the arrest of former chief minister Punjab Chaudhry Pervaiz

A three-member bench headed by Justice Sardar Tariq Masood heard the

During the course of proceeding, the court re-

in 5 major jails ISLAMABAD (Online): It border. All the arrested Afhas been decided to build ghans will be sent across the ghans will be sent across the border under human rights in 5 major jails across the laws, sources reported

country on the issue of return of Afghan nationals. proof of residency will be sent to jail. Sources said that Islamabad. Another 1126 the immigration authorities will take steps to deport them from the jail. The relevant police and border Police registered a case

FIA immigration counters

According to the sources, the police opera-Foreigners without tions against illegal resident foreigners are going on in were detained, 503 people did not have any kind of documents. The Federal area police will bring the il- against 503 people under legal Afghans across the the Foreign Act.



ISLAMABAD: A group photo of teachers with Chief guest DG Federal Directorate of Education Amjad Ahmad Director Colleges Irfan Ullah Principal Prof Sabah faisal in a ceremony held at ICG F6/2 to mark world Teachers Day.

35 officers of Islamabad **Capital Police promoted** to next ranks

Independent Report ISLAMABAD: Islamabad Capital City Police Officer (ICCPO) Ďr. Akbar Nasir Khan said that welfare of the police force is among the top priorities and each official of the force is a hero for him as he serves the people despite various odds. He said this while congratulating the newly promoted officers in different ranks, a public relations officer said.

He said that, the ICCPO Dr Akbar Nasir Khan had ordered the Capital Police Officer (Headquarters), the chairman of the Departmental Promotion Committee to call the meeting and fill vacant posts of different ranks as soon as possible.

Following the orders, DPCs were held in which the members of the committee checked the record of the officials thoroughly and recommended 35 officers for promotion to their next ranks. On recommendations

of DPC, notification of promotion for 05 Sub-Inspectors to Inspectors, 13 Assistant-Sub Inspector to Sub-Inspectors and 17 Head Constables to Assistant Sub-Inspectors has en issued.

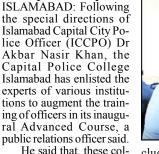
The Islamabad Capital olice chief congratulated all the officers and said that responsibilities of promoted officers have increased and they have to work with more dedication to accomplish their task.

Thursday. He highlighted the in-**Experts from different** institutions give lectures to Capital Police College trainees

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public relations officer said. He said that, these collaborations bring valuable

The matter was being dealt with by the Directorate of Municipal Ad-



insights and experiences to enlighten aspiring officers, covering a wide range of subjects including fundamental and advanced investigation techniques, Pakistan Penal Code, Crime Scene Investigation, administrative matters, Police Order 2002, in-



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SP ® Sheikh Zubair gives lectures of interview

police station inspection lectures, while Law Officer Syed Rashid Ali Shah gives lectures on Police Order 2002. ICCPO Dr. Akbar Nasir Khan emphasized that these training courses and workshops aim to equip police officers with the latest tools and knowledge to better serve their professional responsibilities and enhance the quality of service pro-

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